

March 21, 2011

Dear Mr. Villalobos,

ORV Watch Kern County renews its support for your Ridgecrest BLM Field Office application for OHV recreation grant money. As was the case regarding your 2009/2010 request, we endorse your stated goals to use the funding you obtain for law enforcement, ground operations, and environmental restoration.

We recognize, and deeply appreciate, your office's efforts to balance the legitimate competing claims of recreation, private property, and public lands. As our field efforts and research has increased over the past year, we have become increasingly aware of the distinct challenges facing your office in the management of nearly two million acres under your jurisdiction. This task is made even more difficult by the tightening of fiscal restraints, and limited personnel resources, under which you operate.

Your field office personnel have worked hard to protect closed BLM parcels, to install signs warning "lost" OHV riders of imminent trespass, and to participate in effective sting operations which discourage lawless activity.

We hope that the funding you receive will help you serve and protect more effectively.

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